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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**AMENDMENT
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(RCE) UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

Application Number	09/815,944
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Filing Date	March 22, 2001
First Named Inventor	ALLEN et al.
Examiner	QIAN, Celine X.
Group Art	1636
Customer No.	26619
Title	Transgenic Mice Containing Melanocyte Stimulating Hormone Receptor Gene Disruptions
Attorney Docket No.	R-654

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given, making this response due on or before February 19, 2003. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition for the Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for response to the Office Action for a period of three months from February 19, 2003 up to and including May 19, 2003. Applicants submit this Amendment along with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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